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Some Day Coal Will Run Short,

JACKSON & BLANKENSHIP, But Will It Be as Badly Needed Then as Now?

> A Post man overheard an interesting onversation a few evenings ago, in the office of the Intermont, between Col. J. H. Allen, of the Big Stone Gap Colliery Co., and Judge S. S. Savage, of Ashland, Ky., on the probability of our coal fields running short at some future time. This, they said, would, at the present rate of consumption, certainly be the case, but before such a time rolls around the great and wonderful inventive powers of man will have proven itself able to cope with such an emergency.

> The immense coal deposits of the counry, and its cheapness and convenience naturally brings about a reckless consumption and only in the last few years have efforts been put on foot to curtail its extravagant use. The great coal fields of so far as profitable mining is concerned, and some day in the future those of the United States will be worked out. Already in many of the mining districts year after year operators are forced further and further linck from the main lines of railroad and conveniences. Of course such on event in this immediate field is in the ar distant future; still, it will come, and, vear after year, as operators are forced further back and the present convenient coal properties are worked out, the isolated coal lands that can now be bought at a very low price, will gradually increase in

To the common-sense reasoning man nothing can present a better opportunity for a profitable investment than the cheap coal lands of southwest Virginia and east-

Hundreds of thousands of acres of this ine property, lying along natural railroad be built, can be bought up to-day at from \$3 to \$8 per acre that in the course of a very few years will increase in value to \$50 or \$100 per acre. This is no wild or speculative statement, for, to reach this onclusion we have only to review the history of other coal fields and the result ily? Why, no more blue jeans and tatteris clearly shown.

In fact, as a convincing fact of the clothes. And what beautiful country truth of this assertion, it is only necessary to call back five to six years and think of the coal property in Wise county that at their lands! Why they have gone that time was selling at \$2 to \$8 per acre that to-day could not be hought for \$100 to \$300 per acre.

stands wide ajar to men of capital, and co was acquired, all this mountain couninvites them in, and those who come are sure to be crowned with success.

Tobacco in Bristol.

from the year 1873. In that year Major A. D. Reynolds, of Patrick county, Virginia, came to Bristol and commenced the manufacture of tobacco on a small scale. At that time the culture of tobacco was almost unknown as a money crop. Major Reynolds found only two or three I small crops in all the country tributary to Bristol. He had to obtain his supplies of tobacco during that year and for several succeeding years from the distant markets of Lynchburg and Danville. Gradually, suited to the production of the highest since the completion of our furnace the however, the production of the weed increased, and in the course of a few years

it became apparent that a regular market

Accordingly, efforts were made to es-

for the sale of leaf tobacco was needed.

tablish such a market on the joint stock Her fine cutters and wrappers are eagerl plan. But for the want of faith in its sought after by the trade, and at very resuccess, these efforts resulted in absolute failure. The writer thereupon determined to erect a warehouse on his own responsiplug factories. bility. This proyed a wonderful stimulus to the general planting of tobacco. The farmers adjacent to Bristol seemed possessed with the idea that tobacco culture them; tobacco would pay all their debts; business of over a half militon dollars a tobacco would make all rich and independent! Alas! for the hopes and expectations of man! The first sale day was set and was duly advertised. It was in Owing to its natural sweetness, the tobac-February, 1876. It was amusing to see the people come in. No circus ever excited a deeper interest. The wagons, known, loaded with tobacco and accompanied in

women and children, dressed in their Sunday suits of blue jeans and plaided linseys, rolled for two days into the warehouse lot. On sale's day the house was filled to overflowing. Every part of the building was packed and jammed with neonle and tohaceo. Of course so memorable an event had to be opened with imposing ceremonies. Mr. J. H. Wood, who has since won golden laurels at the har, had been selected as the orator for the occasion. And most eloquently did he discourse on the virtues of the weed and the blissful prosperity that was to AND ESTIMATES cultivation. The Rev. Dr. Sullins, now TLY EXECUTED IN A THOROUGH AND president of Centenary college, Cleveland, Tennessee, who is always ready for any the principle that "distance lends en- ning from 35 to 42 per cent; limestone, 50 call made upon him, and always equal to chantment to the view." This is a great cents; coke, native and Pocahontas comthe occasion, was auctioneer. Just think mistake. When it is low in Bristol, it is bined, \$2.40. Now give Big Stone Gap of a doctor of divinity in a tobacco warehouse, standing over a tobacco pile, and distant markets. calling with all his might for bids! Well, the doctor, who never fails at anything, did not fail here. He was as much at

home over a toliacco pile as in the pulpit. We had sent to Lynchburg for buyers. Major Stephen Haisey, Mr. N. R. Bow-mun and one or two others honored as with their prosence, They and Major Reynolds were the bidders, All day long fain country. Respectfully,

New Law Firm. the law card of Jackson & Blankenship, the most depressed iron market this councomposed of Mr. Geo. W. Blankenship, of try has ever experienced. It was to their Jonesville, Va., and Judge T. R. Jackson, skill in getting the best results from our and independence all gone! So ended the of Gate City. These gentlemen are well ore that has started Big Stone Gap on the first public sate of tobacco ever made in and favorably known as live, pushing and upward grade. This plant now gives emenergetic attorneys and the Post bespeaks playment to about 390 men and has in-

Others more plucky and ambitious, resolved to try again. If they were ashamed of the prices, they were no less ashamed

of the tobacco. It was certainly the most unsightly display of tobacco it was ever the fortune of the writer to behold. It was cured in all sorts of colors except the right color. It was tied up in all sorts of

ways, some tied with shucks, some with calico strings, some with willow bark and willow twigs, and some with the devil's shoe strings! in bundles all the way from the size of one's thumb to an ordinary bundle of fodder, and just as green as the said fodder. This was the beginning of the tobacco industry in Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee. Gradually the production increased year

by year, until it became a staple crop in Bristol. A complete revolution has been made in the character of the tobacco as compared with the first crop already described. Go to the warehouses in Bristol now, and what do you see? None of the old red and black leaf of 1876-but long rows of beautiful bright tobacco, soft and silky, and some of it almost as white as the paper I am writing upon. The Eastern the contemptuous name of Tennessee sprouts. But at the great tobacco fair held in Richmond, Va., in the year 1888. hese despised Tennessee sprouts took al the first premiums, amounting to \$1,150 association. This tobacco was bought and put up in Bristol by my son, Frank Winston, at that time a partner with A D. Reynolds in the leaf trade. First pre-England have gradually been consumed, & Winston at the New Orleans Exhibition And at the World's Fair at Paris honorable mention was made of the samples exhibited, though the samples were not offered for any premiums, being ruled out as not being in large enough packages. Now we challenge North Carolina, East

> The vision of wealth spoken of in the beginning of this arricle have not been altogether unrealized. Many of our planters who had the pluck and ambition to and have achieved independence from its cultivation. Many do I know who are ready and willing to testify to the blessings it has brought to them as a money warehouse, he made a drumming expedition through the tobacco region of S. W. Virginia, East Tennessee, and Western North Carolina. What did he see in the knobs

> and hollows of those mountanious regions? one room in which the whole family cooked, ate and slept, dressed in shabby clothes. roundings betokened the utmost discomfort and poverty. About five or six years ago, the writer made a tour of this same beautiful frame cottage painted white with green blinds with a neat pailing fence around it. And how about the fam-

houses, and country churches! The what did it? Tobacco. And what of up in value from 50 cents per acre to \$10 and \$20! Yes, tobacco has changed In this unequaled coal field, the door Until the art of making this bright tobacless state of poverty. They were living as plant on a paying basis; our dummy line their fathers lived before them, in abject is paying and the water company is depoverty with no ray of hope to point them lighted with the outlook. to the dawn af a better day. Geese feathers, dried berries, eggs and chickens, The tobacco industry in Bristol dates and a few calves constituted their chief first furnace was completed. The first of means of support, while all the enterprising young men were going west. That is

all stopped now. Don't tell me, that in

great civilizing agent. finest undeveloped (except to a limited extent) tobagen region in the United This region includes a boundary extending 100 miles east, south and west-and 50 miles north. In this extended boundatype of bright and manufacturing tobacco. In view of the railroads recently built from Bristol through this fine tobacco retobacco, Bristol stands in the front rank.

numerative prices. There is a fine opening here for more

When Maj. A. D. Keynolds opened his factory here, he was laughed at by his to- ton, and by actual weights we are turning bacco friends in the east. From a very out a fraction over one ton of pig iron to among the largest in the south, doing a year. It is a mammoth establishment foundaries that used exclusively charcoal co put up in Bristol takes preedence wherever it is introduced and becomes more than Alabama pig is bringing.

Messrs. Critz and Reynolds are also running their factory to its utmost capacity. They find a ready sale for all they

conducted by Messrs. Graves and Owenand the other by the writer of this article during the hours of sale, being crowded will compare the cost of the raw material These warehouses present a lively scene with huvers and sellers. While this is a delivered at a furnace here with that delow year in prices, vet the latter are not near so low as I hear they are represented. Fine crops are bringing 15, 18 and 20 cents average. We have planters who a furnace here 85 cents per ton, running never get let less than these prices, no a fraction over 50 per cent; limestone 50 matter how low tobacco is. When tobac- cents; coke, when our ovens are comwith the market and think they can do pleted, \$2.15. The cost of the ore deliverbetter by shipping to other markets, on ed at furnace in Birmingham, \$1.00, rupjust as low, and oftentimes lower, in the

ping to markets where the planter can freight rates to the markets and put the have no control over his tobacco but is obliged to take any price offered for it. In price of labor the same at both places and my honest judgment, Bristol is the best draw your own conclusions. This plant market for tuliacco grown in this mounis being managed and operated by E. J.

J. H. WINSTON, SR.

The disappointed farmers went home sailen and salky. Some declared they would never plant another plant of tobacco. practice.

Come and Improve from 300 to 800 men. Your Property.

Handsome Returns to All Who Put Money into Substantial Improvements.

I have been wanting to have a talk with you people on the outside for some time and I am glad my enterprising young friend, Mike Harris, has revived our town

paper and given me an opportunity. A little over three years ago the wonderful natural resources of Big Stone Gap was talked of all over the country, and the completion of railroads, but rode out of a total of \$1.500, offered by the to place your money. A great many did not go and examine for themselves the miums were also awarded to these same and bought unimproved property and de- pending to that result. This being the near the junction of the L. & N. and the get large returns, but the majority of naces and one thousand coke ovens in they are now operating shows a solid vein you are now paving taxes or allowing operation, with the smaller industries of 71% to 81% feet. The analysis shows talk with especially. You all know well large increase in our population during ville and Pocahontas coal, the coke being Virginia, aye, the whole world to show over the country handicapped all new think you would be exercising better and sulphur, the ash being entirely free especially unfortunate in having heavy persevere, have made a success of tobacco, litigations covering almost every large interest here and stopping developments of all our timber and coal lands. Very few of you have any conception of the crop. When the writer first started his struggles of our brave citizens for two years to keep our town from being deserted and our heads above water. We were thoroughly acquainted with the lots. Lumber and building material are built and the ground cleared up to acomgreat advantages here, of our magnificent | cheap, wages are reasonable and houses | modate the first 250 ovens to be put in Most generally dilagidated log cabins with | coal and timber lands and iron properties. in great demand. A house not quite | The company has commenced opening the But we could not forsee the litigation completed being built on a lot costing same vein 3,200 feet north of their pres-No fence around the yard. No stable for and the slow development of the properties \$500. was sold for a profit of \$500 a few ent opening and will also open up the Gap on securing so able a man and such the horse or ox except a pen of rails cov- that was to make us some day a thriving days since, and the party building it had same vein on the west side of Powell's a bright paper. Success to you, Mike, region. What did he see? No old dilapi- all been depressed both financially and and plans and specifications will be fur- crushing the coal that will go into the dated log house now! but in their stead mentally; but, with it all, we have gone nished free to non-residents who have the manufacture of coke. Work on these first ahead, worked together like brave men. grit to invest a little more of their money 250 ovens will be pushed forward as fast Big Stone Gap Post, published at Big and during the whole of the two years of here. By building here you will add to as men and money can do it, and it will Stone Gap, Va., by our townsman Charles depression we had only one assignment ed linsey but all neatly dressed in store and only one house to burn. We have steadily increased our population and whole country has been changed. And through the aid of building and loan associations and other sources have built new houses, until now we think we can to do everything. We will do our part. safely claim a population of 2,000. (I the whole face of the earth, for these peo- make this estimate not or actual count of ple and made them happy and content. heads, but within the limits of Big Stone Gap we have 400 houses. I estimate five try that I have mentioned was in a hope- to the house). We have put our electric

Last May, after a hard struggle, our our large plants to test the character of our iron ore. When you people, or your the economy of nature, tobacco is not a agents, were out here three years ago. buying town lots we knew comparatively Bristol now stands in the center of the nothing of our iron resources, outside of the Cranberry regions, seventy miles States for the production of bright to- away. We were sure we had iron here, bacco, as well as the finest chewing leaf. but as to its character and extent, we were ignorant, and we depended in a great measure on our great coal fields and the ry there are vast tracts of virgin lands Cranberry iron to make us a town; but development of our iron ores commenced in earnest and we have found ore enough gion, a new impulse will be given to this in and around Big Stone Gap to run a industry. As a market for this bright dozen furnaces for the next fifty years, and we are not through finding it yet. This ore has turned out to be richer and of a higher quality than the most sanguine of us ever dreamed. We are now delivering this ore at the furnace at 85 cents per small beginning, his factory now ranks two tons of the raw material, and of such superior quality that it is being placed in employing 300 hands annually. His trade iron, and in every instance it has given is very large and grows larger every year. entire satisfaction. As a consequence, we are getting from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per ton

Limestone is costing 50 cents per ton, and coke, which we are now getting from Pocahontas, is costing \$2.80. When coke plants are completed, I claim that Iron There are two farge warchonses, one can be made dheaper and at a greater profit here than any other point on the American continent. For example, we livered to a furnace in the Birmingham district: The cost of the ore delivered at the advantage of from \$1.00 to \$2.00 in There is nothing to be made by ship- price over Birmingham, and of 60 cents Bird, Sr., and E. J. Bird, Jr., who take great pleasure in showing the plant and its operation to strangers.

To them is due the credit of completing In this issue of the Post will be seen and successfully operating the plant during

Mr. Bird expects to complete the other TO OUTSIDERS. Mr. Bird expects to complete the other furnace by early spring, and is also figuring on an addition of 200 coke ovens. These additions would increase the labor

> Our coal fields are now being rappidly developed. The litigation of the Virginia Coal and Iron Co., has been settled by the highest courts, and they have practically started to work to establish a large coking plant. The Big Stone Gap Colliery Co., organized and managed by Col. J. H. Allen, of Louisville, Ky., has commenced operations between here and Norton, and over a hundred men are now at work on the plant. The Colonel is a man with a big, brainy head, plenty of push and energy, and when he takes hold of a thing he makes it go. Other leases have been made in this district, and there is no longer a doubt about the immediate development of our coke.

A few words about our timber and I will tell you how you can help us and some of you became so much interested help yourselves out of what you may have twenty and thirty miles over a rough road acres or the finest timbered land in Southwest Virginia, and I am informed lis of the surrounding coal field. that it will be their policy to sell their natural resources surrounding our place, timber only to parties who will manufacbut took the first real estate man's word ture it here, and that negotiations are now parted, expecting in a short time large case we may expect some large timber N. & W. railroads, and can be easily your property to be sold for deferred pay- that will of necessity follow, do you not the coal for coaking purposes, to be simiments. You are the people I want to think that we can reasonably expect a lar and equal to the celebrated Connells the financial depression which was felt all the coming year; and don't you very high in carbon and low in ash southern towns, and Big Stone Gap was judgment in investing your money here from phosphorous. than a year ago? We do not expect a boom next year, but we do expect a legiti- of last November, the company has drivmate demand for good property. There on 165 feet of the main entry, 15 feet wide are no vacant houses here, and I find quite and the full heighth of the coal; thirteen a demand for improved property, and miners' dwellings have been built and the those who will build will be the first to company now has a large force of men at sell their lots. We appeal to you to send work quarrying stone to be used in consome of your cash out and improve your structing coke ovens. Roads have been the appearance of Big Stone Gap, bring not be long till Connellsville and Poca- M. Harris. The Post presents a very neat in fresh capital and more laborers and hontas coke will have a rival to compate appearance both in the mechanical and realize handsome returns. Think about with that is their only admitted and rec- editorial get up. "Mike" is an old newsthis; come out and investigate for your- osnized equal in the United States. selves, and do not sit back and wait for us

This is a Poem!

E. M. HARDIN.

Seldom is it that sudden attacks that bring about productions like the following able as a tempting mint julip to an old trade of the United States." toper. Frames to fit this poem can be secured of Tracy Bros, the cabinet makers

Can I write a poem? Well, I don't know; Indeed I've never tried My "nack" in doing so, But if you really insist And nothing else will go, I'll crank you off a strip or two On the awfully "beautiful snow,"

She came a flitting down Like feathers through the sky, And the little brate about the town In merry give did cry, "Oh, won't we have a jolly time A slidin' on the sleds, A thowin' of the snow-balls And a waltzin' on our heads?"

J. Levitt and I. Morgan both Were glad to see it come, They said it would increase their trade On clothing made of gum; John Willis said he thought 'twould bring Some sickness to the town. And bring about a better trade

Charlle Evans said, for him, He did not care a snap, Rain or shine, his trade was good, He sat in fortune's lap, While Alex Collier and Jessec Wells Both were in a clce: They said the boys would all come in And get on a jamborce.

On "boxes for the ground."

Dave Shelby, he was happy, And wank a wink or so; He warmly welcomed the coming Of the awfully "beautiful snow; He knew his coal would bring the cash, His "cognac" he did sip, As he nestled in his easy chair, With the people on his hip. Dock Whitehead and Dock Shelton

Presented jolly "mugs," The coming of the snow Would cause the sale of drugs; John Goodloe said he didn't care A whizzer, whacker whim, Whether the snow came or went, 'Twas all the same to him. Clack Robinson, the jeweler satd,

"Yew now now, ils' let 'er snow, And watch those sonvenir spoons of mine For Christmas presents go;" While Willie Bickley boldly said He did not care at all, While he kept a bundling up the goods At the "hole within the wall." Joe Mayner smiled a jotly smole,

You could hear it for a mile, He said the snow reminded him Of days when but a child, He pulled the rabbits from the holes, He then lived with his "ma," He had no idea at that time A studyin' of the law, Now, If you want some more of this,

Just order up by 'phone; I'm here to do my duty Until my duty's done. I write this just to let you see, I truly am a poet, And If I didn't tell you so, I'm 'fraid you'd never know it.

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been doing its work so quietly, and in News. such an unassuming manner, that even ginia Coal and Iron Co., own 125,000 ize the great benefit this large coal and Big Stone Gap Post. C. M. Harris is coke works will be to this, the metropo- editor and manager. It is a neatly print-

This company has a long and favorable lease on 2,200 acres of the finest coal land in the Virginia coal field. It is located returns for your money. Some few did industries here soon. Now, with two fur- reached by both roads. The coal in which

Since commencing operations on the 1st

is president of the company, he said; .

"The Big Stone Gap coal field is cer- ville, (Tenn.) Review. tainly a very attractive one to operators,

why the same development should not ac- Rogersville, (Tenn.) Herald. crue to the Big Stone Gap coal field as did to the Pocahontas territory, the growth of which has been truly phenominal."

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KIND WORDS FOR THE POST.

NO. 3.

The first number of the Big Stone Gap Post is on our exchange table, a bright, newsy and promising looking sheet. Success to you Brother.-Glade Spring Citi-

The Big Stone Gap Post has been reserected again. C. M. Harris, a newspaper man of experience, is editor and manager. The paper looks well, and we hope it hes 'come to stay."-Lee County Republican.

We are under obligations to our friend and patron S. R. Jessee, Esq., of Big Stone Gap, for a copy of the Big Stone Gap Post. C. M. Harris is editor. It is neatly printed and reflects credit on the proprietor. -Lebanon News. We are in receipt of the "Big Stone Gap

Post." Probably no new town in the

State has a more enterprising lot of cities zens, and we are not surprised to see wirst-The Big Stone Gap Colliery Co., has class paper come from there.-Richland We have received and placed on our exin the reports that you did not wait for thought was a bad investment. The Vir- the citizens of Big Stone Gap fail to real, change list No. 1 of Volume 1st of the

> ed seven column paper, and independent in politics .- Marion, (Va.) Southwestern We have received the initial number of the Big Stone Gap Post, a bright newspaper published in the interest of Big Stone Gap, first, last and all the time. Mr. C. M. Harris is editor and manager, and, if the future is to be judged by the

first edition, his town will be proud of his

undertaking .- West Point Virginian. Among our exchanges this week was the first edition of the Big Stone Gap Post, which is one of the most creditable productions for a new country paper we have seen for some time. We wish the Fost and Mr. Harris, its editor and manager, much success, which it is evident they both deserve.-The Gordonsville,

Va.,) Guzette. Volume 1, No. 1, of the Big Stone Gap Post, has reached our table, with our gld ____ friend, Mike Harris, as editor and manager. We congratulate you, Brother Harris, on the neat, newsy appearance of your paper, and the people of Big Stone manufacturing and commercial center. a number of applications to rent it at 15 river, which will be driven through the much success. Get on top of your coke So that we all bought too much real estate per cent. on his investment. Taxes are Hagan Property to Guest's river. Ma- oven and we'll get on top of our furnace and as a natural consequence, we have not high, water and electric light cheap, chinery has been ordered to be used in and shake hands with you .- (Johnson' City.) Tennessee Twinklings.

We have received No. 1, Vol. 1, of the & paper man and will make a good paper The Company already has a market of- whether the people support it or not. But fered for its entire output of coal and coke. we do not predict such results as a failure; In conversation with Col. J. H. Allen, who he will make a success of the business. Here's our big shake 'im .- Rogers-

We are in receipt of Volume 1. No. 1. of

and in the good time which all coal men the Big Stone Gap (Va.) Post which carstrike the editor of the Post, but when are now looking forward to, it ought to ries at its mast head the name of C. M. they do they come with the mighty force become, and I think will, a very promi- Harris, of this place, as editor and manaof a western cyclone and are as irresist- nent factor in supplying the coal and coke | ger. Mike is a hustler, and a good newspaper man, and taking the first issue as a The entire operations of the company fair sample, the Post will be one of the will give employment to 400 men. thus best papers in Southwest, Va. That Big giving Dorcester-the name of the new Stone Gap is not dead is evidenced by the mining town-a population of 2,000 to fine display of advertisements found in the 2.500 people. This increase of popplation Post, which shows that the town was so near to Big Stone Gap, will give to this rightly named when some one called it place a large and profitable volume of the "Plucky City of the Mountains," a town which even the late financial depres-Col. Allen said, "There is no reason sion could not retard the progress of .-

The Review was pleased to find a new

exchange among the list of papers it received the present week. The new paper is the Big Stone Gap Post, published at Big Stone Gap, Wise county, Virginia, and bearing the date of the 8th inst. The editor and manager of the new paper is C. M. Harris, a gentleman of previous experience in the newspaper business; and, if the first number of his new journal may be counted as a fair sample of his editorial skill and ability, the Review has no hesitation in saying that Mr. Mike Harris, who was formerly a "dealer in the earth in broken doses," will "make his mark" Instead of \$5,000,000, the amount of in journalism. The intention of the editor loan asked for by the World's Fair Com- is to make his paper distinctively a local mission, Congress cut the amount down journal, devoted to the interests of the to \$2,500,000, and provided that the loan young town in which it is located and the should be made in silver half dollars. of a section of country directly tributary to it. special design, intended to commemorate This is in the line of judicious journalism. the 400th anniversary of the discovery of Seven thousand copies of the first number America. The obverse has a head of Co- of the paper were printed; so that is evilumbus; the reverse a World's Fair de- dent that Mr. Harris means to have a sign; the lettering states why they were large circle of readers. "Politically the issued, and they are made a limited legal paper will pursue strictly an independent tender, the same as the ordinary half course." As the paper contains eleven columns of advertising matter, mostly of No sogner was the law passed, than let- a local description, all of which is conters began to pour in upon the World's tracted for by the year, it is evident that Fair commission from people anxious to the business men of Big Stone Gap mean abtain them. Special bids were made for that the paper shall be a success from the the first coin minted of this issue, which start, if they can aid in making it so. continued until an offer of \$10,000 was Such an example is most worthy of emulamade for it, and accepted. Large offers tion elsewhere, and the Review commands were also made for the 400th, 1492d and the exercise of like enterprise and push to 1892d coins atruck, which were also sold. the merchants of our own city. The Post The World's Fair commissioners, seeing gives an interesting account of an enthuthat there would be an enormous demand siastic meeting held at Big Stone Gap on for the coins, concluded that they would the 19th ult., under the auspices of the sell them at a dollar each, and so an- Ayers Democratic Club, with the view to nounced. Orders at once began to pour bring about the nomination of General in. Not a coin has yet left the mint Rufus A. Ayers, ex-attorney general of (though they will begin shipment to Chi- the state, for governor of Virginia. The ongo in a few days), yet over half the total indications are that Big Stone Gap, by issue is already ordered at a dollar each, and every day a shoal of orders pours in reason of its great natural resources, will become a very important Virginia city, and the Review will in consequence be pleaned to see the Rig Stone Gap Post every week .- Clifton Forge Review.

> Tax friends of General R. A. Syers, of Big Stone Gap, are bounding him for Goveernor with a zeal and enquestness that are calculated to make themselves felt in the